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SUMMARY: SOCIALIST LEADER SOARES PLACES HIGHEST PRIORITY ON MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER DURING WASHINGTON VISIT. SOARES IS WILLING TO ADJUST SCHEDULE OR EXTEND STAY IF NECESSARY TO ENSURE SEEING SECRETARY. END SUMMARY.

1. YALE PROGRAM: WE HAVE DISCUSSED YALE PROGRAM WITH SOARES AIDE RUI MATEUS. SOARES IS COMPLETELY FLEXIBLE RE YALE PROGRAM. MATEUS SUGGESTS INITIAL PRESS CONFERENCE, SEVERAL LECTURES AND SEMINAR MEETINGS WITH SELECTED GROUPS OF STUDENTS AND FACULTY. DINNER/RECEPTION COULD COME IN FINAL DAY, BUT MATEUS AGREES PLANNERS SHOULD BE GUIDED BY WHAT HAS WORKED BEST IN PAST. SOARES WOULD PREFER THAT MATEUS BE HOUSED IN MORE ACCESSIBLE LOCATION. SINCE WIFE NOW UNLIKELY TO ACCOMPANY SOARES, PERHAPS MATEUS COULD USE SAME SUITE.

2. FLIGHT DATA AND FUNDING: SOARES AND MATEUS PLAN TO ARRIVE
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IN BOSTON FROM COPENHAGEN JANUARY 20. SOARES WILL ARRANGE OWN

PROGRAM OF MEETINGS WITH MEMBERS OF PORTUGUESE COMMUNITY IN BOSTON AREA FOR WEEKEND JAN 24-25. FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING FIRST-CLASS TRAVEL FOR SOARES AND MATEUS AND PER DIEM AT RATE OF 50 DOLS FOR EACH, SOUND FINE. WE ASSUME ARRANGEMENTS EXTEND FOR FULL LENGTH OF JAN 20-29 VISIT TO UNITED STATES, INCLUDING COST OF INTERNAL TRAVEL.

3. WASHINGTON PROGRAM: WE ASSUME REF A CONSTITUTES APPROVAL OF OVERALL PROGRAM OUTLINED REF B. WHEN MAY SOARES ANTICIPATE RECEIVING INVITATION FROM SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE? DURING JAN 3 MEETING WITH SOARES, SEN MCGOVERN OFFERED TO SET UP MEETING WITH COMMITTEE; ALSO OFFERED TO HOST INFORMAL LUNCHEON OR DINNER WITH SELECTED SENATORS. SOARES ACCEPTED BOTH PROPOSALS. SOARES HAS ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MEETING INDIVIDUALLY WITH OTHER SENATORS AND CONGRESSMAN WHO HAVE EXHIBITED SPECIAL INTEREST IN PORTUGAL: SENATORS HUMPHREY, KENNEDY, MANSFIELD, BROOKE, JAVITS, AND PELL COME TO MIND. SOARES WOULD ALSO WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE. CONGRESSMEN OBEY, KOCH, EARLY, SIKES, RYAN AND DIGGS, ALL OF WHOM VISITED LISBON DURING PAST YEAR, MIGHT BE CONTACTED BY DEPARTMENT IN CONNECTION WITH VISIT. DEPARTMENT MIGHT ALSO INFORM FORMER CONGRESSMAN ALLARD LOWENSTEIN, PERSONAL FRIEND OF SOARES, WHO OFFERED TO ASSIST IN ARRANGEMENTS WHEN HE VISITED LISBON IN NOVEMBER.

4. SOARES PLACES HIGHEST PRIORITY ON MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER WHILE IN WASHINGTON. SOARES IS WILLING TO ADJUST SCHEDULE OR EXTEND STAY IF THIS NECESSARY TO ENSURE SEEING SECRETARY.

5. MEDIA EXPOSURE: WE SUGGEST MEETINGS, WHERE SCHEDULE PERMITS, WITH EDITORIAL BOARD OF NEW YORK TIMES, BOSTON GLOBE, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, WASHINGTON POST, WASHINGTON STAR, TIME AND NEWSWEEK. WOULD TV NEWS PROGRAMS SUCH AS "MEET THE PRESS," "FACE THE NATION" BE INTERESTED IN PROGRAMMING SOARES GIVEN FACT HIS ENGLISH IS PARTICULARLY NON-EXISTENT? TWO OTHER POSSIBILITIES ARE ADDRESS TO NATIONAL PRESS CLUB AND INTERVIEW BY VOA PORTUGUESE LANGUAGE SECTION.

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6. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) PLEASE ADVISE ASAP IF MEETING WITH SECRETARY CAN BE ARRANGED FOR JAN 26-28 PERIOD. (B) FORWARD DRAFT SCHEDULE OF OVERALL PROGRAM FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SOARES. (C) CONFIRM THAT OUR UNDERSTANDING OF FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS SET FORTH IN PARA TWO ABOVE IS CORRECT.

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